

Comprehensive Plan Community Engagement Ward 2 Meeting Summary

Overview

On Tuesday, December 3, the Office of Planning (OP) hosted its seventh of eight community meetings planned for the fall of 2019, coordinated in partnership with LINK Strategic Partners (LINK). The purpose of this series of meetings is to present an overview on the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update, including the major themes and any area elements specific to the meeting location. The meetings also intend to share an overview of the community engagement process to date and close the loop on feedback collected from District stakeholders thus far. The central question posed to attendees during the discussion period following an overview presentation is, “What would you like OP to share with your Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)?”

Location and Attendance

The meeting took place at Garrison Elementary School, located in the Shaw neighborhood within Ward 2. The event was held in the cafeteria, a large space which accommodated theater-style seating for the presentation portion of the program, surrounded by five Gallery Walk stations. Representatives from the DC Census and the Department of Housing and Community Development were also tabling on site. The event sign-in sheet registered 41 attendees. Of those 41, two identified as residents of ANC 2A, six identified as residents of ANC 2B, one identified as a resident of ANC 2E, four identified as residents of ANC 2F, two identified as residents of Ward 2, two identified as residents of Ward 1, one identified as a resident of Ward 3, one identified as a resident of Ward 4, and one identified as a resident of Ward 5. The other registered attendees did not identify their ANC or Ward of residence.

Run of Show

ANC 2E Chairperson Rick Murphy provided greetings to attendees and demonstrated a depth of understanding of the Comprehensive Plan and a commitment to facilitate feedback from constituents. LINK President Michael Akin acknowledged representatives of the Executive Office of the Mayor, staff from DC Councilmembers’ offices, and additional ANC Commissioners in attendance. OP Director Andrew Trueblood provided welcome remarks and introduced OP Associate Director Rogelio Flores, who presented a thorough update on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Akin facilitated a 10-minute question and answer (Q&A) session and directed attendees to join OP and LINK staff for discussion at the Gallery Walk stations.



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Major Themes and Key Takeaways from Feedback

- Many attendees voiced a preference for more affordable housing, especially through targeted density around existing transit hubs and retail corridors.
- A number of attendees had questions about the amendment process and public review period, seeking clarity on how they could best provide feedback in the coming months.
- Office of Planning staff received questions about the Comprehensive Plan's anti-displacement measures, including those that address the physical, economic, and cultural dimensions of displacement.
- Multiple attendees expressed a desire for greater understanding of the mechanisms laid out in the Comprehensive Plan to achieve greater resilience in the District.

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